

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Bob Sussman Regional Call on Hydraulic Fracturing Updates

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The information discussed in the hydraulic fracturing regional call is meant to be deliberative and not to be shared outside EPA.

At 11:45 PM on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, I participated in a coordination conference call concerning updates to activities from various EPA program offices, both in HQ and Regions 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8. This is a summary of the call.

**Region 3 Dimock, PA Update**

- A number of residents of Dimock, PA had been covered under the consent order to Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation by PA DEP to provide drinking water and cleanup some of the underground methane contamination of drinking water
- The drinking water provision C.O. expired in the end of November although the provision for remedial actions continued
- Many Dimock residents continue to have concerns about the water quality of drinking water
- EPA has sent on-scene coordinators and community involvement coordinators to Dimock to gather information concerning the number of residents who were on Cabot-provided water who have since switched back to private well water
  - Also collecting information from residents on who has data concerning water quality
  - May become necessary for EPA to undertake a sampling program of drinking water quality in coming months

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